

REMARKS

The priority claim has been amended to include the parent patent number.

Claims 19-33 are pending.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 19-30 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8, 10-12, and 23-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,541,485. Claims 19-33 stand rejected (provisionally rejected at date of Office Action) under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 19-24, and 27-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,784,188 (Application No. 10/370,800).

Applicants thank Examiner Aulakh for the telephonic communication on October 26, 2004, which clarified that claims 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27 also stand rejected over claims 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,573,273, and claim 31 also stands rejected over claim 80 of U.S. Patent No. 6,780,873 under obviousness-type double patenting.

Included herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and 37 CFR 3.73(b). Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 19-33, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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